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A Time to Listen

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10).

When suddenly upon your sight
There bursts some marvel of God's hand—
A towering peak all glistening white,
Or canyon vast; or when you stand
Beside a lake with shadows deep,
Or in a grove of His big trees,
One moment listening silence keep;
God speaks to us from such as these.

—Selected.

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Some Don'ts for Church Goers

- Don't visit; worship.
- Don't hurry away; speak and be spoken to.
- Don't dodge the preacher; show yourself friendly.
- Don't dodge the collection plate; contribute what you are able.
- Don't stop in the end of the pew; move over.
- Don't stare blankly while others sing, read and pray; join in.
- Don't wait for an introduction; introduce yourself.
- Don't criticize; remember to think of your own frailties.
- Don't monopolize your hymn book; be neighborly.
- Don't stay away from church because of company; bring them with you.
- Don't stay away from church because the church is not perfect; how lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.—Selected.

FOR PREACHERS

The "preacher" in us often needs to die. Many need to be saved from the "preaching spirit." Even the devil can be a great preacher. God pity the preacher that loves to hear himself; in fact who feels that he is a great preacher and loves to receive honor from men, to be commended for his supposed merits and fails to hide his head in humility and shame when flattered because Christ has been robbed of His rightful glory. We should feel most conscious of defeat when complimented by others and prefer to be unknown rather than well known, fearing praise rather than blame.—Selected.

A Tibetan Miracle

By W. W. SIMPSON

Having read "A Miracle of Grace" in July *Glad Tidings*, I decided to write a greater miracle which the Holy Spirit performed in Gospel Garden Assembly of God just inside the Tibetan border, August, 1918. My son, William, 16 years old, and I had just returned to Kansu-Tibetan border, and Pastor Chow invited us to hold a week of meetings in the assembly which met in his house.

The audience was composed of men, women, and children; Chinese, Tibetan, and half breeds; believers and idolaters—80 to 100 in number. From the beginning the Holy Spirit was poured on us in true Pentecostal power and manifestation, confirming the preaching of Jesus, anointed, crucified, risen, ascended, glorified and coming again, in visible demonstration.

In the congregation was a half-breed deaf mute. No one had ever tried to teach him anything, the system of teaching deaf mutes by signs with the hands being entirely unknown in that remote part of the world. He was truly as stupid a human as ever lived. As I looked over the audience and saw his face so destitute of the least sign of intelligence, I thought, "How hopeless he is! How helpless I am to give him the slightest idea of God's grace and salvation."

However, he attended every one of the three meetings each day throughout the entire week. Though he could hear nothing, he could see the mighty workings of the Spirit confirming the crucifixion, for "before his eyes Jesus Christ was evidently set forth crucified among us." Many of the believers, men and women he knew, were thus used by the Spirit to demonstrate the crucifixion of Christ and their identification with Him in death, burial, and resurrection. He saw the agony on their faces as they were thrust against the wall. He saw the tears stream down their faces, and lastly he saw the joy unspeakable and full of glory as they were raised together with Him and seated in heavenly places, all by the operation of some almighty Power hitherto unknown to him.

Finally, about Friday when others came to the altar, he arose and came too. I saw him kneel there with the others but I still thought of him as a hopeless case. I simply

could not believe that he understood enough of the gospel to exercise saving faith. But my son, full of the Holy Spirit and faith though only a boy, went and knelt beside him, laying on hands in the name of the Lord. Soon the body of the deaf mute was trembling and he wept before the Lord the confession he could not speak. Then the peace and joy of the Lord filled him with laughter. In a few minutes the entire congregation was amazed that on the deaf mute was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit for they heard him speak with a distinct tongue and magnify God. Not only so, but after speaking with a tongue a few minutes, we were astonished beyond measure to hear him interpret in the Chinese language such adoration, worship and praise as no mortal can speak unassisted by the Holy Spirit.

We all thought the Lord had healed his dumbness, but not so. When the operation of the Spirit ceased he arose with face beaming with joy but he could utter not a single word of testimony or praise. However, many times since, when engaged in prayer and worship the Spirit speaks again in tongues and interpretation.

The carping legalists of Jerusalem blamed Peter for what he did in the home of Cornelius until they heard how God had given the Gentiles the same gift that He gave the Jews at Pentecost. Then they glorified God, saying, "Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." The same God who poured out His Spirit on Jew and Gentile alike 1900 years ago gave the like gift to this poor stupid half-breed Tibetan deaf mute. How intelligent believers in the Lord Jesus Christ here in America can still doubt and reject this modern latter rain outpouring of the Spirit is beyond my understanding.

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Secrets of Health

By LELAND R. KEYS

Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Somewhere in my reading I came across some "Health Commandments from the Word of God," and I take this opportunity to pass them on. A recognition that the Holy Spirit dwells within our bodies will cause us to use and care for them properly, and to avoid any abuse or excesses of any kind which would tear them down, for we are admonished that whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do, we should do all to the glory of God. In this connection therefore, it is well for us to discover some of those laws which will contribute to our physical and mental well-being, for God has something to say to us regarding these matters just as surely as He has commandments which bear directly on our spiritual welfare. It is the writer's conviction that many people today are sick because they do not properly care for their body which God has dignified, by calling it the temple of the Holy Spirit.

I. EAT FOR HEALTH. Prov. 23:20 "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh." You will remember that when Jesus was describing the conditions which obtained in the days of Noah, and which would again be prevalent in the days just preceding His return, He said, "For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark." Now does this mean that Jesus condemns such? Certainly not, for we must eat in order to live and Paul warns that one of the heresies of the last days will forbid marriage; so this Scripture is not condemning these practices, but rather, it condemns that attitude of mind which gives itself over to these things to the exclusion of all else, and God is not in their thoughts. The text from Proverbs has in it the same emphasis since it speaks of "riotous eaters". Someone has said in regard to over-eating, that "one lives on one-third of what he eats, and the doctors live on the other two-thirds." This is probably an exaggeration, but certain it is, that it is possible to stuff one's body until all kinds of disorders result. It is characteristic of many that they are given to this sort of thing, oft-

times making of themselves gourmets and gluttons. God would have us eat to supply the real needs of our bodies, rather than to satiate spoiled appetites. Some live to eat; God would have us eat to live. If we eat to the glory of God, we will consume only that food which agrees with us, and only enough for our needs.

II. THINKING FOR HEALTH. Prov. 23:7 f.h. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Our actions are largely the products of our thoughts. If we meditate upon that which is evil, it will show in our lives in some form or another. Every wicked act is preceded by wicked thoughts. If the Word of God is true, the child of God has no right to think as he pleases, yet how many there are who today are carrying about with them the devil's traps of bitterness, grudges, ill feelings, and unchristian thoughts and attitudes. It is little wonder that the character is warped when the mentality is so perverted. Some people are sick in their body because their mind is sick. It is just as possible to abuse the mind by letting it run riot, as it is to abuse the body.

Now the Word of God is very plain in regard to our thought life. We are not Christian Scientists when we speak of right thinking, for this commandment belongs to every Christian. The pity of it is that some of the cults have taken hold of these important truths, and have made much of them, whereas the orthodox Christian has either ignored them or failed to take cognizance of them. In Phil. 4:8 we read, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Furthermore Jesus taught us that we should not cross our bridges till we come to them. In other words He taught us not to borrow either sickness, or sorrow or trouble, for He said in Matt. 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Someone has defined worry as that which is "fearsome, distracting, disabling; it is

thinking that has gotten out of bounds." These worries, fears, melancholias, depressions, morbidities, gloomy dejected feelings contribute to ill health, and exert their repercussions on the physical and also on the Spiritual nature of man. If we would regain the proper control of our thought-life, we must *will* to think those thoughts which are the opposite of fear, depression, morbidity and gloom. We must crowd the mind with that which is joyful, hopeful and inspiring.

We read in the Bible that on one occasion, David encouraged *himself* in the Lord. It does not say he waited for someone to come along and encourage him. If he had, he probably would have died of melancholy. Instead, he encouraged himself, and went on his way rejoicing. The reader may say, "this sounds very much like psychology," to which the writer replies, "it not only sounds like psychology, it *is* psychology; it is Bible psychology, and, believe it or not, the Bible is the best text book in the world on the subject." If the believer would follow the plain teachings of the Word of God in practical everyday life, he would need no other books on the subject of health, happiness and mental well-being. Here again is one of the marvels of God's Word. It meets every need of man.

III. SELF-CONTROL. Peter warns the believer to add to knowledge temperance. Now this word temperance means self-control. Paul says that temperance is one of the fruits of the Spirit. There are those who do not know the meaning of self-control, so that they commit many bodily, mental and social excesses. Payment is exacted in some form for every excess. We must learn not to let our emotions run riot, but to control them in order that their energy may be put to constructive use. Emotional experience which does not result in constructive activity is lost motion. Someone has said, "Spendthrifts in feeling, are presently bankrupt; nothing short of a new thrill every day appeases their appetite." We must not quench our emotions, God has given them to us for a purpose, and they have their place. Our problem is to keep them in their place, for the high-

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R. J. Thurmond

Pentecostal Fire

By R. J. THURMOND

*"Pentecostal fire is falling,
Praise the Lord, it fell on me!"*

Pentecostal fire has fallen all over the world in many places. John the Baptist said: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" (Matt. 3:11). "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

I do not attempt to make you believe in tongues, but I do declare that the Pentecostal power can come into the lives of everyone and make them more than nominal Christians. This Power can make them Christ-like, giving them power to live a victorious Christian life. And it takes a Pentecostal experience to bring this out in its fullness. Even the disciples who had followed the Master for the three and one-half years of His ministry and even had wrought marvelous works at their own hands, yet they understood not His predictions of His death. They thought He had come to set up an earthly kingdom and they bickered around among themselves who was to be the greatest and to have the highest seat. And after the resurrection they assembled together behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, and He appeared in their midst saying, "Peace be unto you." Fearful of heart, they were, not knowing what might become of them. Their hopes had been dashed to the

ground.

This pictures the condition in many lives or places today. Men dare not voice the convictions of their hearts relative to Christ, but one can rest assured that the devil and his agents do not hesitate to fly their colors. Why should it be so? We who have been released from the bondage of sin, who love Jesus Christ, why should we hang our heads in shame? Why should we deny Him before men? Why should we be fearful of what men might do to us? I'll tell you why: It is because the Holy Ghost has not come into your life, for when He comes He brings power to witness for Christ for He takes of the things of Christ and reveals them unto us. And the revelation of the divine life is so wonderful and Christ becomes so real that it is impossible to hide our light, and although we could we would not want to. Power! Yes, power to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

How His kingdom work suffers because of powerless lives! And how His name is disgraced by professing Christianity. Friends, I know of nothing that can change the life like the Pentecostal fire. Some say, "Read the Bible more." And that surely ought to be done and I believe it will increase the hunger of the heart to know God better. Some say, "Pray more." And I believe in that. Others may say, "Just get in and crucify all feeling and go to work for the Lord, living as you should." But many have tried these ways. I surely did, but like the man out in the ocean swimming around on a life preserver, it's sure he does not need to drown, yet he will freeze to death or starve to death, dying of exposure and lack of nourishment, unless help comes to him. So it is with many of the Christian faith; unless faith comes to them their Christian profession will soon die as it is exposed to the coldness of the world and lack of spiritual nourishment. And what is the remedy? We say it again, the Pentecostal fire. After the Holy Ghost is come upon you, you shall receive power to be His witnesses.

If you have not had this experience seek God until you receive it. It is for the hungry-hearted. It is for those who are tired of trying and want the power to live above sin, the world, the flesh and the devil. We say to those who do not know Christ, let

Him come into your life. He alone can blot out the stains of sin and give you a title clear to Heaven, and we say then to follow on to know Him in the power of the Spirit that He poured out on the day of Pentecost. What a change came over the disciples! Though they were scattered everywhere due to the persecution that arose, yet they went everywhere preaching Jesus Christ and signs and wonders followed their ministry. They were no longer afraid. They were willing to be beaten and driven out. They were willing to suffer lack in any line, willing to die for the One who had given His life to redeem them and who had given them the blessed Holy Ghost to empower them for service. Read it. The Acts of the Apostles is full of experiences that thrill our hearts as we read them. And it came as a result of Pentecost; the promised Holy Spirit was sent from heaven into the hearts of the believers. Jesus had said: "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:16-18, 26).

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me; for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you" (John 16:7-14).

Friends, has He come into your life? If not, ask the Lord to pour out His Spirit upon you. Tarry until ye be endued with power from on high. Wait for the promise of the Father, and He shall surely come.

The Minister and Finance

By C. ELY PERSING, Escalon, Calif.

Success in the life of a minister involves many things: prayer, study, etc. However, the thought of this message concerns not only the minister but also those to whom he ministers.

Many a pastor's efforts for the Lord and the church are in vain because sufficient financial support is not forthcoming from the people. The Word declares (1 Cor. 9:14): "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Some years ago a minister who had had a long life of service for the Lord, remarked that one of his first impressions as a young preacher was something which prevails in many places, that in order to be rich in grace, the preacher must be poor in pocket. This kind of qualification is liable to operate as an effective barrier in other ways. So often we hear someone saying, "Oh, he's preaching for a living," but a God-called man is living to preach the gospel. And we know that only men who are called of God are entitled to live of the gospel.

Permit me to say that the burden of this message is not so much the comforts and livelihood of the minister but the continual progress of the gospel and the building of the Lord's church. Some assemblies progress very slowly because there is a lack of vision in this respect. Many get their eyes on what a minister is receiving rather than upon what he is doing. Those who are not called into the ministry should support those who are, and of course support does not by any means include finances alone.

There is a great responsibility connected with the preaching of the gospel. Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise" (Rom. 1:14). He also said in 1 Cor. 9:16, "For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." God's ministers will continue to deliver the Word of God and carry out the divine call regardless of their circumstances. Thank God for such men.

Now concerning the lay members. Someone has already said: "I believe we have the best people of the land, believers in the Word, doers of the Word, Spirit-filled,

loving folks, members of one body and ready for every good work in bringing salvation to the lost." The Apostle complimented the Philippian church on their care: "But I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in want; for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content" (Phil. 4:10-11). Yet to the Corinthian church he said they were inferior to other churches (2 Cor. 12:13): "For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches except it be that myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong."

Many of our churches are struggling along today because there is thoughtlessness on the part of some. Frequently a pastor does not remain as long as he should in one place because of insufficient support. Thus the work does not progress and little is accomplished.

Though Paul was a mighty man of faith, yet he had to have support from some source. To the Corinthians he said (2 Cor. 11:8): "I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you and wanted, I was chargeable to no man for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied."

1 Cor. 9:5: "Have we not power (right) to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles and as brethren of the Lord and Cephas?" The man of God not only must take care of his family but he is required to visit hospitals here and there, receiving calls from the sick day and night, near and far as the need may be. In many instances the minister is obliged to spend his meager income in answering such calls and his family is called upon to share in the lack.

Often we find good people whose minds have been detracted from the divine program, and they have desired beautiful buildings, carpets, etc., far in excess of their means, and in doing this frequently withhold from the pastor that which is rightfully and scripturally his. Through this the work of God suffers. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn" (1 Cor. 9:9).

The "storehouse plan" has seemed to be the best way in many churches to solve the financial problem, and it appears to be the most scriptural. However, many only give an offering to the pastor, but a successful method for small churches struggling in a financial way, is the budget plan. Under this system the pastor receives the tithes, and the offerings go into the treasury of the church. In most cases this provides enough means of support for the pastor and he will be enabled to carry on his work for God unhindered by annoying lack.

"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Prov. 11:24).

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est well-being of the individual and of the group to which he belongs.

IV. TALK FOR HEALTH. Prov. 18:21 f.h. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." If we use our lips to the glory of God, we shall not go about bemoaning our fate, and casting gloom upon those about us, nor shall we engage in slander, gossip, back-biting, and evil speaking. God wants our lips to be sanctified. James reminds us that the "tongue is a little member and boasteth great things; behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth, and the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity" and again, "the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison." Then he tells us, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" How we need to pray that God will set a watch before the door of our lips that we sin not. In the words of Frances Ridley Havergal we should pray, "Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee." The Apostle warns us to speak that which is unto edification and to have our conversation constantly seasoned with grace.

If we would know the reality of these things, they must be put into practise. It is not the truth that we know mentally that makes good Christians of us, but only that truth that is put into practical everyday life-experience. The blessing is not in the "knowing" but in the "doing." Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Introducing . . .

Our Waterford Church

Following the command "Go ye . . .," Brother and Sister Paul Parker came to Waterford in 1930 and the local Assembly of God church had its origin as a home missionary work. They continued until the spring of 1932 when Sister Mary Moore took charge and the church became



Pastor and Mrs. R. P. Murray

self-supporting. During this time the Sunday School reached the 50 mark.

Four years later following the resignation of Sister Moore, Brother Walter Larsen was called as pastor. God blessed the efforts of Brother Larsen and during his stay the church was set in order, and the vacated store building that had housed the church was purchased along with sufficient lumber from another building. Several lots were donated by Brother and Sister Martin, and on these lots the present church was started though not completed.

Sister Gladness Persing (Wood) was temporary pastor for eight months, following which Sister Pearl Herndon served as pastor. During the two years of her ministry the erection of a parsonage in the rear of the church building was started. The Sunday School reached a record attendance of 159 during an evangelistic campaign with Vernon M. Murray.

In April of 1940 the present pastors, Brother and Sister Raymond P. Murray were called. Since this time the church has

been completed on the inside and out; the basement has been divided into four Sunday School rooms; the building has been painted; a five-room parsonage and garage with storage room has been erected; lawns, flowers, and shrubbery have been planted; new song books have been purchased; and insurance for both church and parsonage has been taken out.

God has blessed in the community, and two other churches in the town co-operated in a union Daily Vacation Bible School during the summer. Grateful acknowledgment must be given to the evangelists that have come from time to time and given the church spiritual uplifts.

The dedication of the Waterford Assembly was held August 3 with Brother R. J. Thurmond officiating and local ministers taking part.

POSSESSIONS

*Let me hold lightly
Things of this earth;
Transient treasures,
What are they worth?
Moths can corrupt them,
Rust can decay,
All their bright beauty
Fades in a day.
Let me hold lightly
Temporal things,
I, who am deathless,
I, who wear wings!*

*Let me hold fast, Lord,
Things of the skies.
Quicken my vision,
Open my eyes!
Show me Thy riches,
Glory and grace,
Boundless as time is,
Endless as space!
Let me hold lightly
Things that are mine—
Lord, Thou hast given me
All that is Thine!*

—Martha Nicholson

I WANT TO KNOW . . .

Questions and Answers Department
Conducted by W. T. GASTON

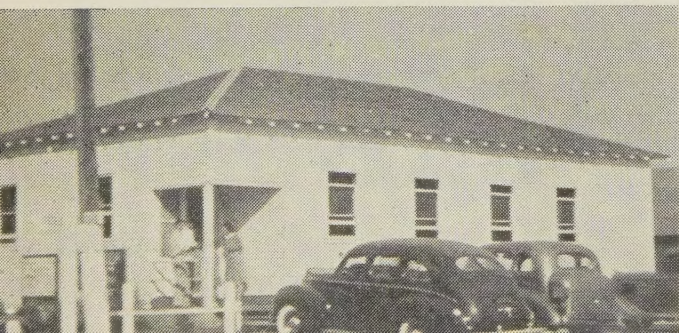
Q.—*What are we going to do with all the unemployed ministers?*

A.—It is well to remember that we are not to judge our brethren that seem comparatively idle. Elijah spent some time in quiet seclusion at Cherith. His next appointment at Zarephath seemed rather unimportant, but from there he moved to Carmel, the scene of one of the world's most sensational revivals. I doubt very much that there is or ever has been any surplus of God-called, Spirit-taught, fire-baptized ministers. The minister who is sensitive to the voice of the Spirit and happy alike in the leadership of great revivals or in ministering to lone charioteers (Acts 8), will never be long without an opportunity to exercise his gift of ministry.

Q.—*Please explain woman's part in the work of the church.*

A.—This subject has been so muddled by well meaning but misguided teachers that a brief answer in this column will of course be far from adequate. (1) In the apostolic church there were no women elders or bishops. Such "overseers" were to be "the husband of one wife"; not the wife of one husband. Women who assume such prerogatives as well as those who follow their leadership will do well to consider that they are proceeding entirely without early church precedent or scriptural authority. (2) Corinthian women were commanded to "keep silence in the churches." This apostolic prohibition has been seized upon by some and made to apply to all church women without (it would seem) any honest attempt to discover the intent and purpose of the apostle. The context discloses that these women were causing confusion in the churches by asking questions. This childish prattle must be stopped; they may "ask their husbands at home." These primitive women recently converted from heathenism, were not to be allowed to use their new-found liberty in Christian assemblies to frustrate the purpose of edification. (3) Where we rightly divide the Word of truth, there is nothing to quibble about concerning the free exercise of those natural and spiritual gifts that God has so graciously bestowed upon women. That women do have a scrip-

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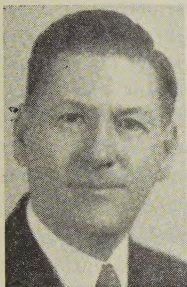
Assembly of God
Waterford

The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him"

Christian Friends:

How about *Recommendations for Churches*? "We want a pastor whom you can highly recommend." "Do you recommend this brother as a good reliable minister?" "Who is this worker and what has his history been for the last ten years?" "Is he recommended, and if so, by whom?" All of this boils down to the fact that in calling a man to the pastorate of a church much is said about the recommendations of the *preacher* and little or nothing about the recommendations of the *church* which is calling the preacher.



Leland R. Keys

Why shouldn't this principle work both ways? Why always make it so decidedly one-sided as though a recommended and recommendable pastor were the only matter to be taken into consideration.

The pastor has just as much right to ask for the recommendation of the church as the church has to ask for the recommendations of the pastor.

"What are the abilities of the brother?" "How much experience has he had?" "What about his wife and family?" "Is he a good preacher?" "Does he take an interest in the young people?" "Does he do pastoral calling?" "Is he thoroughly Pentecostal?" "Does he let the Lord have His way?" "Is he free in the Spirit?" "How does he stand on this and that and the other thing?" "Is he interested in the Sunday School?" "How long was he in his last pastorate and why did he leave?" "Does he preach too long?" "Is he musical?" "Can he lead the choir and the orchestra?" These and a score of others, all of a similar vein, are the usual line of questions asked when calling a pastor to a church.

But on the other hand there are some questions which the prospective pastor might like to ask before he consents to assume the responsibilities and obligations of

the new field of service. It is only right and reasonable that he should know a few facts concerning the church which has extended a call to him. He ought, in all fairness, to be permitted to make an investigation of the church and the work should he desire to do so.

There are a number of questions the prospective *pastor* might wish to ask in considering a call to a new field of service. First and foremost, he might wish to know the source of the call. Is it coming from an individual of the church, from a clique in the church, or through the regular channels of the church? A very important and closely related question might be,—has the present pastor (if there is one) resigned or left the field thereby making the pastorate available?

Some questions which relate to the church itself might be asked: Why is the present pastor leaving or why did he leave? Is the church in the habit of calling a man as pastor and then after tiring of him in a few months, making it so unpleasant for him that the hints are sufficient to compel him to pull up and leave? Does the church realize the difference between a pastor and an evangelist and appreciate that difference, realizing that each has his place to fill in the body of Christ? Does the church understand that a man may be a faithful, godly and effective pastor even though he does not possess the "evangelistic swing?" Has the church some semblance of Scriptural order or does it exist in a more or less haphazard hit and miss disorder? If the church has been set in order does it possess a proper Constitution and By-laws, enabling it to run smoothly and effectively, with proper provisions for the protection of both pastor and people?

Note: A minister would do well to ask for a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the church which is calling him in order that he might know the set-up and what his privileges and prerogatives are before accepting a call, just as we advise that candidates for membership in our churches

should know what they are joining, before having their names placed upon the church roster. The pastor ought to know what he, too, is going into.

Some of our brethren have had rude awakenings along this line a few weeks or a few months after taking a pastorate; we have heard the remark, "If I had known that such and such was the case I never would have taken the pastorate." A little investigation would obviate this difficulty. It is better to find out first than to be sorry later on to the inconvenience of all concerned.

Some questions might be asked in regard to the attitude of the saints among themselves; do they have a reputation for biting and devouring one another? Are there irreconcilable divisions among the people? How did the church treat its last pastor? Would the former pastor recommend the church as one which any succeeding pastor would do well to accept? Is the church aggressive,—does it have vision, or, if it does not is it willing to respond to the challenge of progress? Some churches become "set" in their ways; smug, self-complacent and satisfied they are content to go on year after year in the same old rut. Such churches are dormant and ineffectual in the work of the kingdom of God. Is the church thoroughly Pentecostal and is it willing for God to have His full right of way? Does the church realize that its primary reason for existence is the evangelization of the lost?

It might also be asked as to whether the church takes care of its pastor as well as its abilities permit or whether it is careless and remiss in this respect.

Is the church board co-operative with the pastor and does it understand its Scriptural prerogatives? There need never be any difficulty on this point if both pastor and board are fair, each realizing its place in the assembly in the plan of God.

It might do no harm to inquire whether the church is "run" by one person or one family, or whether it is truly a co-operative

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News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMO—Evangelist Ernest Dillard of Oklahoma held a campaign for Pastor W. A. Frazier during August.

BENICIA—The Benicia church was received into Council fellowship on August 21. Presbyterian M. P. Bohnet officiated at the business meeting in which the congregation voted to take such a step.

BERKELEY—Evangelist Paul Pipkin held a campaign for Pastor Eleanor M. Johnson from July 24 to 31st. God worked among the young people, saving, reclaiming and filling some with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was refreshed and edified.

The East Bay fellowship meeting was held August 4. Pastor Thornton Gopen of Concord was the afternoon speaker. Sister Bernice Mast also spoke on Sunday School work. Brother Emil A. Balliet of San Francisco brought the evening message.

BURLINGAME—Evangelists Edwin J. Holmes and Thomas G. Jackson held a campaign in July for Pastor R. G. Davis.

COLFAX—Pastor Wm. TaVares writes: "We had 8 at the altar Friday for salvation; four were saved Sunday. Many new people are attending the meetings. God has given us a 75-foot square lot for a new building."

COLUSA—The South Sacramento district fellowship meeting was held August 11 with Pastor L. A. Dodson. A number of ministers spoke in the morning. Sister Ruth Couchman spoke in the afternoon, and Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City brought the evening message. The power fell in copious showers during the services.

DUNSMUIR—During the absence of Pastor R. J. Renfroe, Miss Margaret E. Renfroe, supplied the pulpit. Brother Renfroe reports that the Sunday School increased in attendance during the summer for the first time in the history of the church. Miss Renfroe's ministry was greatly appreciated by the people.

ELY, NEVADA—Brother Geo. W. Kiser reports that two were saved during a recent two-weeks' campaign held by Brother Jamison. The following Sunday night, two more persons accepted Christ as their Saviour.

FERNDALE—Brother L. E. Dowdy is the new pastor.

GEORGETOWN—Brother and Sister Leif Erickson held a meeting for the Bertenshaw Sisters following camp meeting.

GRASS VALLEY—Brother Ben Moore has resigned as pastor, and Brother G. A. Fletcher of Fairfield is now filling the pulpit.

HALF MOON BAY—Brother Otto Schmidt has taken over the pastorate following the resignation of Brother L. E. Dowdy.

HAPPY CAMP—Brother Douglas Cooksey is the new pastor.

HUGHSON—Brother Thomas M. Gray

Schedule Fellowship Meetings

Sept. 1—Oakland (Church of Gospel Light), Waterford, Susanville.

8—Redwood City, Auburn, Martinez (Mt. View Bible Standard).

15—Merced

16—Weed

22—Benicia, Redding

writes that the North San Joaquin District fellowship meeting held July 28 was a time of real blessing. Twenty-four ministers were present.

LIVERMORE—Evangelist Paul Pipkin recently held a revival meeting at the Wayside Chapel with Pastor Carl T. Carlin.

LOVELOCK, NEVADA—Sister Bernice Schliecker writes: "Despite the fact people seem to keep moving out, our Sunday School has been holding up. The last two Sundays we had 37 and last Sunday night over 30 were out to church. A young married lady was wonderfully saved."

LOWER LAKE—Brother J. Westfall is the new pastor and reports a good spirit in the assembly. Evangelists Holmes and Jackson will hold a campaign in September. The church building is being redecorated.

MARTINEZ—A fellowship meeting will be held in Martinez at the Mt. View Bible Standard Church on September 8.

NAPA—The North Bay District fellowship meeting was held with Pastor Joseph Stark on August 18. The afternoon speaker was F. Wesley Pope of San Rafael. Albert Lebeck of Sacramento brought the evening message on the subject, "Spiritual Termites." Judson Cornwall was elected C.A. sectional chairman. The next fellowship meeting is to be held at Benicia on September 22.

Evangelist Richard B. Yunker, gospel singer and musician, will begin a campaign on September 14.

Burdetta Manley and Sister Keicher are assisting in Sunday School and visitation work.

NEVADA CITY—Evangelists Edwin J. Holmes and Thomas G. Jackson began a campaign for Pastor Robert Carrington on June 10 in the newly acquired church building.

OAKLAND—Pastor Walter H. Smith of Richmond conducted an evangelistic campaign for Pastor R. H. Moon from July 29 to August 10.

OROVILLE—Pastor Warren Hull advises the tent has been moved from Thermalito to Palermo, and from there it will be put up in

Oroville. A good meeting is reported for Thermalito.

PARADISE—Sister Ella M. Beare reports: "We have just closed a three weeks' campaign with Evangelist Edna Onwiler of Lindsay. The first two weeks we had a daily vacation Bible School for the children in the mornings. Twenty-six completed the studies. The presence of the Lord was in the children's services; six received a definite experience of salvation. The Lord blessed the evening services. We praise Him for saving eight more souls and filling three with the Holy Spirit. Sunday afternoon four followed their Lord in water baptism. The saints were refreshed and our hearts are encouraged."

PATTERSON—Brother and Sister Robert Thomas are in charge of the services during the absence of Pastor and Mrs. C. R. Peterson who are vacationing in the East.

PETALUMA—Brother Lester G. Searles is the newly elected C. A. president.

While Pastor T. B. Don Carlos is attending General Council and conducting evangelistic meetings in the Midwest, the pulpit will be supplied by Mrs. Hazel MacLeod and Brother P. C. Tacker.

PITTSBURG—Pastor Reuben Wilson of Alameda brought the evening message at a fellowship meeting held August 11 with Pastor Albert Gomes.

PLACERVILLE—Mrs. Flower recently held a revival meeting for Pastor Emil Lassegues.

REDWOOD CITY—Evangelist June Garrard supplied the pulpit for Pastor William Savidge during his vacation.

RICHMOND—Pastor Walter H. Smith writes: "We have been having glorious meetings. Two received the blessed Holy Spirit August 5. The Spirit of God is moving in a glorious way. We had a fine meeting with Sisters Steele and Ferguson. I also want to mention that Sister Stevens and party took charge while I was holding a campaign in Oakland."

SACRAMENTO—Bethel Temple enjoyed the two weeks ministry of Hazel MacLeod during the absence of Pastor W. T. Gaston. District Superintendent L. R. Keys was special speaker August 24.

SALINAS—Evangelist Vernon Murray held a revival meeting July 18 to 27 with Pastor Fred Reichert. At the close of the campaign a good start was made financially toward a new building. \$420 in cash and pledges were raised in one service. The need has been felt for some time for another work in this fast-growing community, and the tent meetings are proving a good step in that direction. It is located on E. Alisal Street. Evangelist Hart has been conducting meetings there recently.

SALYER—Brother Frank Dagle and Brother Jones held a meeting in August at Salyer.

Emergency Call

As this issue goes to press word reaches us that the living quarters of the Cottage Grove church were broken into while Brother and Sister Kasparian were at the Dunsmuir fellowship meeting, and clothes and supplies were stolen and destroyed. Please remember them in prayer, and send an extra offering to help out in this need. Address Geo. M. Kasparian, Cottage Grove Church, Clear Creek.

SAN FRANCISCO—Evangelist and Mrs. Richard B. Yunkers recently held a revival meeting in Glad Tidings Temple.

SANTA CRUZ—Pastor Harold Byram of Watsonville and Sister Marion Minogue of Hollister were the speakers for the afternoon and evening services at the fellowship meeting held with Pastor Albert Ruedger on July 28. There was a fine spiritual atmosphere in the meetings, and several persons were at the altar for salvation.

SOMESBAR—Brother and Sister George Kasparian have taken over this work in addition to the assembly at Clear Creek. They report: "Our first service at Somesbar was last night and there were 27 out. Two raised their hands for prayer."

STIRLING CITY—Evangelist Paul Pipkin began a campaign August 19.

SUNNYVALE—During the absence of Pastor J. W. Belchar, Evangelist June Garrard will supply the pulpit.

TUOLUMNE—Brother L. H. (Jack) White is the new pastor.

TURLOCK—The North San Joaquin district fellowship meeting was held August 18 at Bethel Temple. Pastor George R. Wood of Atwater was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor A. G. Osterberg of Fresno brought the evening message. H. E. and Roxie Alford, pastors.

VALLEJO—Pastor E. J. Cornwall reports a good campaign recently held by Evangelist Esther Mae Cooper. There was a real stir among the people.

WATSONVILLE—Evangelist Esther Mae Cooper closed a campaign for Pastor Harold Byram on July 20.

WATSONVILLE—The Coast Counties C.A. rally was held August 8 at Pajaro. Brother Wheeler Anderson of Monterey, the newly elected chairman, was in charge of the service. Mrs. Dorothy Boyd of Morgan Hill was the speaker. During the past year the C.A. rallies have been held each quarter, but it was decided to have them monthly, apart from the regular fellowship meetings.—*Ruth Condit, Secretary-Treasurer.*

WATERFORD—Evangelist Paul Pipkin closed a good revival meeting with Pastor Raymond Murray on August 17. A large number sought the Lord for salvation.

Dedication services for the new church building was held August 3 with Brother R. J. Thurmond officiating.

WEITCHPEC—Sister Ida M. Stuart reports that a recent revival in their midst resulted in ten souls being saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Brothers C. F. Rowe, Jones and Dagle assisted in the meetings.

PERSONAL MENTION

Brother William Elliott, former pastor of Lower Lake, still is on the sick list. Kindly remember him in prayer.

Over 100 children attended the D.V.B.S. conducted by Evangelist Bernice Mast in Temple Church, Oakland, August 4 to 15, reports Pastor E. Wm. Anderson.

Rose Monogian, sister of Mrs. Wm. Savidge, has transferred into the District from the Southern Missouri District and is assisting in the work at Redwood City. Brother and Sister Savidge report a good vacation and are now home again.

Harold Rhodes, formerly of Gridley, has accepted the pastorate at Standard.

The Nevada City church is now located on Grass Valley-Nevada City Highway near Glenbrook.

Brother Roy L. Warwick who has been acting as pastor at Red Bluff for several months, has been accepted into the fellowship and now holds license from this District.

Brother C. F. Rowe opened a campaign at Klamath, on Aug. 5.

Brother E. L. Stubbs, former pastor at Wilits, has been transferred to the Texas District where he is engaged in evangelistic work.

Evangelist and Mrs. Leonard Rogers recently held a revival meeting in Payette, Idaho. They plan to hold a campaign in Vancouver, B. C., in the near future.

Evangelist Louis G. LaPorte closed a campaign in Richland, Wash., recently.

Brother and Sister W. R. Lamb are pastors at Rochester, Minn.

Evangelist and Mrs. Vernon Murray expect to be in Texas for the next two months.

Arne Vick intends to return to this District after General Council.

William Nagel was recently married to a young woman from Texas.

Brother T. J. Jones was Bible teacher at the Illinois and Texas camp meetings.

A new Filipino work is being opened by Brother H. A. Suan in Isleton. He reports good attendance at the Sunday School.

Brother E. C. Lagmay, president of the Filipino Assemblies of God, reports that he is still in evangelistic work in the Middle States. He recently closed a four week's revival in Chester, Okla., with good interest and results. The building was almost filled each night. One of the outstanding events of the campaign was the instant healing of a woman who had been bedridden for two weeks as the result of having been kicked by a cow. After prayer her crippled condition was immediately healed and she went home walking.

Clarence Haystead left August 17 for Minnesota where he will be engaged in evangelistic work with Ted Ness.

Brother Irving Ford informs us that the Crown Body and Coach Corp., located at 408 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland, has used school buses of all sizes and kinds from \$75 up with terms to suit. Any pastor or church interested may contact this firm.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will convene in Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 4 to 11. A good number of ministers from this District will be attending. Superintendent Leland R. Keys and Secretary-Treasurer R. J. Thurmond left August 27 as they were to be there for the Superintendents' Institute on September 1 and 2 and General Presbyters' meeting September 3 and 4.

RENEWALS

The General Council office calls attention to the fact that many of the ordained ministers have not sent in their annual questionnaires for renewal of their fellowship certificates.

Have you sent yours with your offering for the General Council office?

FOR SALE

C Melody saxophone with good case; a bargain at \$15.00 This can be seen at the St. Helena office, or write R. J. Thurmond, Box 393, St. Helena. Also, a long neck banjo and good case; practically new, \$10.

HELP WANTED

The construction of the new St. Helena church is now under way. Brother R. E. Ray would appreciate having anyone come and help in this undertaking. Bring bedding. Beds and meals will be furnished.

SOMESBAR CHURCH

The Somesbar home missions work is now being pastored by Brother George Kasparian, and all churches or individuals sending donations to this field should now direct them to Brother Kasparian at this address. (We thank you for your faithfulness in helping the home missionaries.—R.J.T.)

VOICE

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fellowship.

A further question might be asked as to the relation of the church to the District. Is it an affiliated or an associated church? Is it cooperative with the work and the fellowship of the District?

These, then, are but a few of the questions which the man of God might, in all fairness, like to ask before accepting a call. Properly answered they would constitute the recommendation of a church.

—LELAND R. KEYS.

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CALLED UNTO HIS GRACE

By HAROLD LEHMANN

(The following is an abbreviated account of the life of Brother Lehmann, District C.A. president and pastor of the First Pentecostal Church of Oakland. Next month the life story of vice-president Oliver L. Foth will appear on this page).

Perhaps the father's diary or the famous first sayings of the grandfathers should introduce these lines. You may choose. This all-embracing line records the worthwhile history of the entire day (for my father) in a one-line-a-day diary: "Boy born, seven inches of snow, nine little pigs, seven and a half pounds." I was the alpha and omega of that. Surely I received more than fifty per cent of the attention that day, but history doesn't record it. Granddad Lehmann merely snorted with delight, "A boy? A boy? It's too good to be true! It's too good to be true!" Not grandfather Sterett! He was cautious. He had been a grandfather before. He poked around and peered down through almost innumerable folds of blanket and quizzically asked, "Hmm, do you think he'll ever amount to anything?" Mother is still wondering. Suffice it to say, I was born.

It shouldn't be necessary to say this all happened on a farm in Iowa but the scene shifts to Denver and some might wonder "where I'd been all my life" up until then. My father was an auditor and took a position in Denver for two years before our coming to California. It proved to be an eventful move. Here God revived a hunger for spiritual things in my mother's heart. She had been wonderfully converted in Sister Woodworth Etter's meetings as a girl but time and circumstance had combined to lead her away from the joys of the experience. Our Christian experience in Iowa had been nominal but our hearts were empty of God and full of self and the world.

The church of mother's choice was the holiness brand, the Church of God with headquarters in Anderson, Indiana. How



Harold S. Lehmann

embarrassed I was for the people when they knelt to pray! I thought that someone should be kind enough to explain that the better churches didn't do that any more. That was the first night. The second night, how embarrassed the people could have been for me as I went to the altar blubbering like the worst sinner in the world. It is surprising how sinful one's respectable selfishness and ordinary unfaithfulness becomes when standing in the presence of the Christ. Thank God, He saved me!

This experience changed the entire plan of my life. My musical abilities might not testify to this today but I had planned to devote my life to concert piano work. I had studied diligently in Iowa and now in Denver every opportunity in the world seemed open to me. Prof. Paul Clark Stauffer, of the Denver Conservatory of Music, a great musician and teaching critic, was partially coaching me and agreed to take me twice each week as a regular student after another year's training under my regular schedule. But—and I am so thankful now—I was asked to play at our church and that changed things. I shall never forget the night. I considered this my first offering to the Lord and classical though it was, I dedicated it to Him. I never had nor never have played better. My execution was faultless and my soul was in it. I wept as I played. But if the

Lord accepted it He was the only one. Those good, old-fashioned holiness folk were neither blessed nor impressed. They gave all the evidences of being bored.

This was the hardest blow that I had personally sustained. I was crushed. I reasoned thus: "These people love the Christ and are spiritual; they were not blessed and would frown on my idea of a career. My choice is between that and Christ." I didn't confide in anyone and so it will be seen how hard it was for me, but, with a real abandon, Christ won my love and my loyalty. The concert stage was forever gone. I tried to convince myself that I would teach instead, but truthfully, my heart was never again in my music.

The next summer found me visiting in the little town of Wagon Mound, New Mexico. It was a glorious vacation, scouting the Mound, hunting, fishing, visits to Old Santa Fe, the cliff dwellings and attendance at a United Brethren Conference. But the greatest event of the season was a communion service held at night about a poorly lighted altar. After receiving the tokens of His love and as others sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," I slipped back to the third row of seats and boyishly said to God, "If you get short-handed and need me, I'll follow you anywhere." I meant it. I meant it heart and soul and God knew that I meant it, for inexpressible billows of peace poured

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Christ's Ambassadors!

Place: Fresno, California

Date: November 27, 28, 29, 30

Plan now to attend what will probably
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ever held on the West Coast.

over me. I was enveloped of God and knew the bliss of the heart fully yielded and the will completely lost in Him. This must have been Jesus' "meat."

God set His hand on me that night and though I confess I miserably failed Him following the experience, He often drew a confession of love from my heart. Before we left Denver for the Coast, I believe God had so won my affections that it was becoming more natural to lean on grace. The dear holiness folk would have said, "Sanctified and sweetly kept." Anyhow, every new surrender brought greater blessing and added peace. How I wish I could tell you of His victories in my life over secret sin and "harmless" habit. One can be helplessly bound by novels, desire for position and money, half truths, and any of a hundred other things. And God can deliver until novels are sickening, position seems ridiculous, money is a mere means of exchange, and truth and principle become a consuming passion.

Months passed without any further word from heaven confirming His desire to accept my surrender for service. I certainly could not blame the Lord, Moses and I were akin. Some say he stuttered; I think he was just as I was—awkward in expression, slow in "Thinking on his feet" and miserably self-conscious when facing the public. I would have failed some classes in school had the teachers insisted upon long oral reports. Then, in my last year in high school, the unexpected happened.

What I call "a young revival" took hold of our family. Upwards of thirty-two of our relatives were brought to God in a little over a year. This was through a cousin attending a Foursquare Gospel mission in Eaglerock, California. The message of the Spirit's infilling was opened to us. Several of us have been trained for the ministry, and my brother and I and one or two others have reached the field.

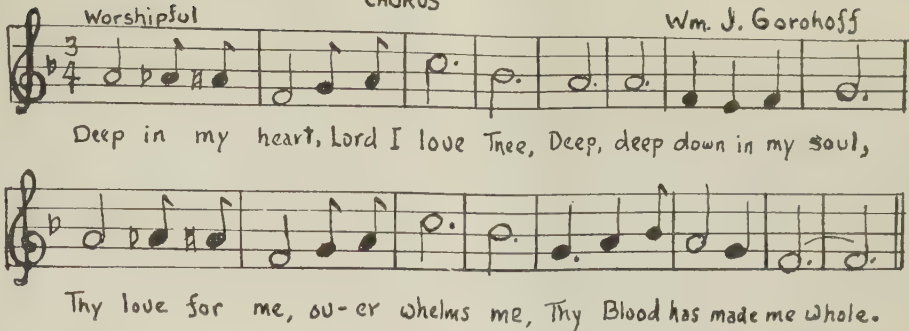
To cramp my experience in receiving the Holy Spirit into one paragraph almost seems like sacrilege to me. It was in this mighty baptism that God again inspired my heart to the ministry. The summer following my graduation found me in my first effort for God! I played the piano and washed dishes for a group holding a summer campaign in Turlock. The Holy Spirit revealed some of the joys of intercession in these days and here my heart was centered on my studies to follow. Glad Tid-

"DEEP IN MY HEART"

Worshipful

CHORUS

Wm. J. Gorohoff



Deep in my heart, Lord I love Thee, Deep, deep down in my soul,
Thy love for me, su-er whelms me, Thy Blood has made me whole.

(The above is the second prize-winning chorus in the recent C.A. song-writing contest).

ings Bible Institute seemed to be God's plan for me. I was sure of it then and I'm more sure of it now. I have jokingly said that I hardly knew whether I was in a monastery or a jail and that after making me a group leader, they appointed another to watch me. At any rate it was good for me and God met me and revealed His will.

When graduated in 1931, my star carried me to the Klamath and Salmon River country,—a region in Northern California many miles from a railroad and among the Indians and "sourdoughs." The gospel work was yet to be pioneered in there but God sent in wonderful workers. There were the Carpenters, the Graner sisters, Hamlin Wilson and his sister Margaret, Dorothy Dalton, Dorothy Morgan, Ada Sayer (Taylor), Yerda Anderson (Leavell) and my own Indian companion, dear Edison Charles. It was a proving ground for us. In all, I have four years of my life invested in there. Eddie often jibed me about "being better with an ax than with a Bible." He was probably right, but in the hours in the woods I learned something of Brother Lawrence's secret of "Practicing the Presence." No amount of money could buy my hours thus spent with Him. They are treasured more, for they have meant more than any other years of my life.

In 1933 I was adopted into the Hall family of Fort Worth, Texas. I have felt sorry for Texas ever since the Lord took its "lone star" and gave her to me for a wife. I wish I could give the experiences we had in returning to the mountains. These were interesting days. Mrs. Lehmann was raised in a good-sized city and I was afraid the change would be fatal. But it wasn't. She was as leaven in flour;—our little cabin became a model and she transformed the living conditions of a community.

After the church was built at Somesbar,

openings took us for a year and a half of evangelism. A three months' promised stay in Monterey extended to three years and finally God's word to me while in prayer in 1933 was fulfilled in our call to Oakland. God had said that sometime I should have a ministry in our present church. His word is sure! I have found that there is no easier place than the center of God's will. It is a sweet place. The man in the will of God, will always have all he can do.

The C.A. page editor, Oliver Foth, has asked for the foregoing. It has been life's hardest assignment. It hasn't been spiced with many bank robberies, hold-ups, murders, dope or liquor addictions etc., but I declare that for being less than thirty years old, I've lived "an awful lot of life." And I've had a wonderful time doing it, too.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Following are some excerpts from letters received from different persons who appreciate what has been done through the efforts of the W.M.C. during camp meeting. Space does not permit for all.

"I surely wish to thank the W.M.C. for the \$5. I do appreciate it so much. I plan on getting some hose and other little things I need."

"I want to thank you for your kindness to me. The thought of being remembered by the W.M.C. never entered my mind and I was surely surprised. I'm using the \$5 for a number of little things I need, and a pair of hose. I just got a 'run' in my 'one and only'."

"I've been wanting to write and thank you for the \$5. It certainly was a surprise and a welcomed one. I need some house slippers and other things very much. Many thanks to you and the W.M.C. May God richly bless each one of you."

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

DISTRICT MISSIONS

A very interesting report has been received from the Missions Department at Springfield relative to the missionary giving of the churches in this District. We rejoice to know that for the year 1940 a total amount of \$21,933.44 was given. There are 50 churches that contribute regularly each month and the balance are irregular, some giving only once during the year and others twice, three, four or more times. We would urge all our churches to become consistent in their missionary giving even though it may be only a small amount monthly. We are sure God will bless as you catch this enlarged vision of world missions.

We are listing herewith the eleven leading assemblies in missionary giving, ten of which are affiliated with the District and General Council and the other one, Bethany Chapel, Oakland, though not affiliated, gave \$631.66 direct to missionaries.

<i>First Pentecostal Church, Oakland</i>	\$2,480.54
<i>Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco</i>	1,943.66
<i>Pentecostal Assembly of God, Dunsmuir</i>	935.44
<i>Bethel Temple, Sacramento</i>	783.17
<i>Bethel Temple, Turlock</i>	692.56
<i>Upper Room Mission, San Jose</i>	667.42
<i>Bethany Chapel, Oakland</i>	631.66
<i>Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Santa Cruz</i>	584.40
<i>Bethel Tabernacle, Oakland</i>	467.49
<i>Full Gospel Church, Morgan Hill</i>	450.67

The total receipts show a slight gain, \$171.93, over the report of the previous year and we are trusting that the gain will continue. Credit is due each pastor and church, and though we are publishing only the eleven highest there are others who have contributed over \$100, \$200, and \$300.

We truly praise the Lord for this good report, which with the \$4,295.14 given to home missions in our District, brings the total to \$26,238.58 given to missions from our Northern California and Nevada District fellowship during the year.—R.J.T.

• Hawaii

Bernice Strickland, who has been quite ill for some time, reports that she is improved in health and is again busily working for the Lord. She writes of an Inter-Island Full Gospel Convention which was recently held there and which was a great blessing to the various workers. "Our Bible School was a real success," she writes. "We only had from 35 up but we felt so

encouraged at what was accomplished, especially with the lack of teachers. I am trying to carry on the spirit of the school by having children's meetings each Saturday at the church and also one in another neighborhood where the children are almost all Buddhists."

• Alaska

Brother C. F. Concepcion is now in Ketchikan, Alaska and writes that he is the first Filipino to preach the gospel in that city. He is employed during the day but in the evening does personal work and distributes tracts.

• India

"People are thinking as they never have before," writes Inez Kreiss from her mission station in U. P. India. "Our little school closed with the best record it has ever had. The children learned many Bible verses. More than two-thirds of the school could give 50 verses by heart."

Sister Winne P. Kneeland, who is located in Travancore State, South India writes: "Our family now numbers nearly 60. Our Lord has so lovingly provided for these needy ones in spite of the war and other difficulties: This week a convention is being held in Quilon in which several missions are uniting and we are looking for real results from God. Hearts are hungry and people listen eagerly to the Word."

• Africa

Brother and Sister Harold Landrus together with their children, Paul and Ruth, have arrived in Cape Palmas, Liberia. They write of their trip: "We were aware of the tragedy of the sister ship, the Zamzam and knew there would be much concern as to whether we were on that ill-fated steamer. Praise God we were not, and we are happy to have been spared from that terrible experience. Some of our passengers and missionaries turned back to America after the awful news reached us. We felt led to go on, and after urgent prayer set our faces to the land of our call. After many extra days upon the water we finally landed on the Gold Coast. We did not land at the place intended so had to pray desperately that God would send a boat to this remote spot on the coast to take us to Liberia. Pray for us."

• South America

Brother and Sister Luther Perkins (Minnie Williams) are located at Huan-cayo, Peru, the place where Sister Perkins labored for over five years. They have taken charge of the church there in connection with three out-stations where native workers bring the gospel to the people. God has put His seal on their ministry and several have been saved.

A new church building was dedicated June 14 is the report of Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson who are located in Brazil. They write of the following interesting experience: "We are rejoicing over a wonderful thing that happened here last Sunday morning. A lady has been coming to the meetings for some time and although she has been a believer for several years, yet her husband was unsaved. One day our boy came in the house with tears in his eyes and told us that this father was drunk and the police had taken him to jail. We made it a matter of real prayer all week and our boy really believed in his heart that God would save this man. Sunday morning, June 1, this father walked into our church. After the service he raised his hand for prayer and came forward with tears streaming down his face and wanted us to pray for him. He really got saved. He got up and gave a testimony how the Lord had dealt with him." The Johnsons related how this new-found brother in the Lord was so liberal in his gifts and loan toward the building of the church.

• Philippine Islands

"Our testimonies here and there among our people are being blessed and honored by God," is the good word from Brother M. A. Etrata. "All of our ministers and exhorters who were licensed by our District Council are busy lifting up the gospel light at street meetings and camps. I am also glad to report that there have been several souls saved. There are five candidates for baptism after planting rice."

• Central America

"We want you to know how happy we are for the motor launch that we asked you to pray with us for," write Brother and Sister Ralph Williams from Guatemala. "There is no telling what a great help it is going to be in reaching the many towns and villages of the remote part of the country. Our souls have been stirred and in-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Good reports have been received from various parts of the District of successful D.V.B.S.'s conducted this summer. Interest in such effort and endeavor has increased quite a bit over last year. We are pleased with this and thank God for it!

Great good can come from these Bible School sessions in the way of helping the children of your own Sunday Schools;

but it is also a marvelous means of reaching the outside children and contacting them for your School as well.

If you were not in a position to have a D.V. Bible School this year, start now to plan for one for the coming year, if Jesus tarries. Suggestions and assistance along these lines will be gladly given if requested.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Word has been received from Marcus Grable, our general Sunday School superintendent of Springfield, Mo., that he is making a tour through a number of States in conference work and will be able to be with us for a couple of days.

We are taking advantage of this opportunity and are laying plans for a Sunday School conference for our Northern California and Nevada District. Plan now to attend this conference and avail yourself of this good opportunity. Watch for announcement of the date and place, and pray for God's best in our coming conference.

IS THIS YOUR PROBLEM?

"I have been a Sunday School teacher for a number of years and have served as faithfully as I know how, but as I look back over the time I become discouraged; I feel that we have progressed very little if any. Is there any way or method whereby I can make a check on our progress, or,

so to speak, take inventory and in so doing profit by past mistakes and lack? Maybe if I knew what should be the progress of a class in a year's time or what should be accomplished and how to systematically go about accomplishing that thing, that would be of help too."

Suggestions for the solution of this problem will be outlined on this page in the next issue of Glad Tidings. If you have found solutions to this perplexity, then you are in a position to help. Send us your ideas and we will include them in our answer.

OUR CORNER

HELLO, BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

How are you all? May everyone of you have had a grand vacation this year. Very soon it will be "back to school" once again.

Just at present your dear Sister Mast is living in the same house with me. A very happy privilege it is to have her with us, but as she is very busy (almost too busy to be writing letters), I shall do my best and only hope and pray you will be pleased with this little story. Part of it will be sad, but let us remember that "every cloud has a silver lining."

Now on with the story of the "Bleeding Hearts." Did you ever see one growing in your garden? If you haven't, you may go to your nearest florist; perhaps there you will find this lovely plant with its lacy foliage and little red hearts all hanging closely to a long, slender stem. How dainty they are! A true poet named them "Bleeding Hearts" because of the shape and color of the little flowers. Another writer says, "There is a fine romantic touch to any garden that has the Bleeding Hearts. These are flowers that speak of tenderness, affection and charm."

Perhaps you say, "There is nothing sad about that." How true. But when I see these dear little hearts swaying softly in the breezes of our lovely gardens in good old U.S.A., I am reminded of another garden, far across the deep blue ocean, in

a land called Palestine. This garden was called Gethsemane. It was where another Heart, bleeding and broken, was poured out for us in prayer. Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe, Jesus came—came to bleed and die for our sins and to redeem us back to God. On the old rugged cross He gave His life that we might live.

There are many broken and bleeding hearts in the world today but never one that has suffered like Jesus when God the Father laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Oh, the awful cost of sin! Out from that lovely broken heart the blood flowed to cleanse us and make our hearts clean and white.

Do you know Him as your Saviour? If not, call on Him today and He will save you. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

God bless you, dear boys and girls. You have gardens; why not plant a Bleeding Heart with some Forget-me-nots around it. The two will blend well together and are a good reminder.

With this letter I send greetings to you all, and you may call me

Aunt Ruth

I am sure you have enjoyed Aunt Ruth's lovely letter and story. I appreciate it too. May be you would like to write in and request more stories from Aunt Ruth's storybook. She has many nice ones. Anyway, let's say, "Thanks, Aunt Ruth, and God bless you too!"

—YOUR SISTER MAST.)

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spired as we have taken the gospel message to those hot steamy coastland villages and have seen with what sincere interest the people have listened to the story of God."

● Palestine

Despite the threatening war-clouds hovering over Palestine, Brother and Sister Saul Benjamin report increased missionary activity in that field. They write: "In the midst of uncertainties we are going on with the work the Lord has called us to do. The doors are open since the war started as never before and people are listening to the message eagerly. We are having one meeting every night in different homes. Many are seeking God earnestly and some have been saved while others are seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The meetings in the different prisons are well attended each Sunday afternoon. Our Sunday School has been increasing steadily. Last Sunday we had 123."

23rd Annual Opening

of Glad Tidings Bible Institute

1441 Ellis St. San Francisco

FALL SEMESTER OPENS

Tues., Sept. 23

(Registration Day—Saturday, September 20)

WRITE FOR
NEW, ILLUSTRATED CATALOG

ALUMNI ECHOES

Brother and Sister Emil Balliet, graduates of '30 and '31 are now connected with the work at Glad Tidings Temple and Bible Institute, San Francisco. For the past number of years they have been affiliated with the North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis. Brother Balliet is the new Director of Music at Glad Tidings and will also teach in the Institute. Sister Balliet ably assists her husband as pianist for the choir and orchestra, and also directs the girls' chorus and teaches a young people's class in the Sunday School.

On Sunday evening, August 10 at Glad Tidings Temple, the voice of Wesley Jaeger '27 was heard speaking from South Africa. By way of explanation, Brother Wesley had sent a record conveying greetings to Brother and Sister Craig, and this transcription was amplified so that the familiar voice was heard clearly throughout the auditorium. God is richly blessing Wesley in South Africa.

Robert Thomas '41 writes: "We are now in Patterson, Calif. We finished a week's youth revival in Manteca with Brother Carl Gunderson where the Lord saw fit to bless the people. There was also a real stirring among the young people. We will be in Patterson until Sept. 15, supplying for Brother Peterson."

The "Tidings Trio" consisting of Helen Fanning, Dolly Gibson and Velma Huttman have been holding a campaign in Grand Forks, N. D. These girls are all members of the Malachi Class of 1941.

Marguerite Keicher and Berdetta Manley '41 are in Napa, Calif., doing Sunday School work and preaching.

Mary Robinson '40, Opal Leshner '41 and Dorothy Nye are holding a campaign at Versailles, Mo., for Lillian Steffens.

George and Ocey Brown, '40 and '39, are holding a revival campaign in Bismark, North Dakota.

Harry Jaeger is conducting a campaign for Pastor Max Freimark in San Jose.

Word comes to us that Brother and Sister Shively '37 are pastoring the work at Metaline Falls, Wash.

Brother and Sister Peter Funk write from Laupahoe, Hawaii, that they are in the midst of a building program and have moved into their new parsonage. They state that two more have been added to their number.

Mine Sugamoto writes a most interesting letter from Japan: "The work of the gospel, especially the Pentecostal work in Japan is surrounded with difficulties, more than you can imagine. I am not permitted to write of these conditions, but even at such a time as this a few are being saved and wonderful miracles of healing are being performed. Last year a poor old woman 78 years old for whom there was no hope of life, was at death's door. She was saved and healed. Her conduct has changed. Not only that, but one of her eyes 22 years before had been thrust out by a sharp branch; even the ball of the eye had disappeared. This was healed, and she can see with it even to thread a needle."

Arthur Erickson '25 writes from Trujillo, Peru: "Thirty-five were baptized on the 1st of May, and it was a happy gathering indeed. Every one of the brethren and sisters baptized went into the water with joy, and there were many testimonies of faith there at the river."

(Send all G.T.B.I. alumni news to Wm. A. Weinman, secretary, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco).

NEW INSTITUTE COURSE

The Glad Tidings Bible Institute will offer, when the fall semester opens, a new and elective Church Secretarial Course.

The course is offered in addition to the regular twenty-five unit Bible course. It marks another step forward by the Institute to equip its graduates for greater Christian service. The course will equip students for general church secretarial work—essential equipment for church work whether belonging to the minister of the gospel or to young people who assist him in our many growing churches.

Prosecutive students will be glad to hear of this new course.

Write for the new, illustrated catalog and for additional information.

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Consisting of

- Shorthand
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QUESTIONS

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tural right to speak in the churches for the purpose of edification in common with the male of the species, is apparent from the following scriptures: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:17, 18). "He that prophesieth *speaketh unto men* to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (1 Cor. 14:3).

In my humble opinion, confusion of ideas will be dissipated, and seemingly contradictory references take on purpose and consistency when the simple considerations stated above are really considered. As further emphasis I add the following brief deductions:

An unbiased reading of the story of creation will give the impression that the Creator placed headship and leadership in Adam. Eve was created a helpmeet, and when she assumed leadership in the first transgression Jehovah outlined in definite terms her permanent place in a world under the curse. Gen. 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:12-15.

To assume an attitude even remotely related to a superiority complex on the ground of sex, or refuse to accord to women a place in public service is to betray a woeful lack of balance in handling the Word of God. Mary Magdalene was commissioned to testify, even to apostles, by the Head of the church (Jno. 20:17, 18). One of the early leaders in the mother church at Jerusalem had four daughters "which did prophesy" (Acts 21:8, 9).

CURRENT SIGNS

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY—BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Falcon Blitz

For some time the army has been nursing the idea of using trained falcons to catch enemy carrier pigeons. Advocates of the idea look forward to the time when the army will have from 300 to 400 of these birds of prey to turn loose on enemy communications in wartime. Recently as Lt. Thomas McClure, the Signal Corps' falconry expert, awaited the arrival of a shipment of these hawks from the West Coast, he revealed that the army has other plans for the birds also. Lt. McClure said he would attempt to train the birds to attack parachute troops by diving at the shrouds with sharp knives attached to their bodies. —*Newsweek*.

Whiskey and Prohibition

Where whiskey is best known, it appears to be most hated. *The United Presbyterian* suggests this by saying: "In Kentucky, the nation's greatest whiskey-producing State, 49 out of its 120 counties are dry. Seven voted dry last year."

Marijuana Menace

Marijuana, practically unknown a decade ago although it grows wild in many parts of the country, has become a national menace, states *Word and Way*. Dope peddlers mix it with tobacco and introduce it to boys and girls who use cigarets. More than 80 per cent of the users began between 14 and 24 years of age. Its effects are unpredictable. One may become a merry reveler, a calm philosopher, a cruel murderer, or a mad insensate. One young addict killed his whole family, yet did not know it. Any number of sex crimes have been caused by it. In one city 17 out of 37 murderers were marijuana smokers. In some cities it is estimated that half of the violent crimes are caused by its use. It is one of Satan's most powerful tools among young people today. Pray against it. Plead the Blood against it. Let us hold the youth of our land up before God in earnest intercession.

Buddhists in America

There is a Buddhist Sunday School in Los Angeles which has 1,000 Japanese children enrolled, reports *Herald of Holiness*. It belongs to the largest Buddhist temple

in the city. There are seven other Buddhist Sunday Schools in Los Angeles as well, and all are thriving due to the aggressive manner in which they are promoted. When heathen priests can come to America and build such large Sunday Schools right in our own land, is it not time God's people should get in earnest about our Sunday Schools and find some way to get more children studying the Word of God?

Sons of Praying Parents

Professor Stephen S. Visser once made a study of the parentage of the 25,000 notable Americans listed in "Who's Who." He found that for every notable individual whose father was an unskilled laborer, there were 68 whose fathers were farmers; 600 whose fathers were business men; 1,200 who were children of doctors, lawyers, and other professional men; and 2,400 who were children of preachers.

Criminal Age Lowering

Last Sunday afternoon (August 17) I had the privilege of speaking at a service for the boys at the Preston Industrial School at Ione. After the meeting in the course of conversation, one of the officials informed us that whereas the school a few years ago contained mostly boys from 18 to 20 years, now 75 per cent of the inmates are 18 years and under, and the most difficult boys to deal with were those of 13 to 15.

Pictures in the Dark

Detailed photography in utter darkness. Clear pictures on the streets during blackouts. This new technique has been made possible by the development of an invisible light which cannot be seen by the human eye but which illuminates objects for reproduction on special infra red film.

Many may think they can commit their evil deeds in the dark, unseen, but if man is able to record his deeds even in the dark, how much more is God able to see all.

Carnality

The marks of carnality in Paul's day were not card playing, theater going and dancing, but envying, strife and divisions (1 Cor. 3:3). There are those today who draw back in horror from the first three, and well they may, but unfortunately some

of them are past masters at the second three. The Holy Spirit knew that discord and division would be the bane of the Church down through the ages, for He warned against that more than against other evils which have engaged most of our attention.—*Moody Monthly*.

W.M.C.

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"Just a line to let you know that we received the much-needed comforters and we surely appreciate it and thank the W.M.C."

"I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the W.M.C. for the box of things which was sent to us. The lovely big comforter was very much needed, as were also the other things. Several of the dresses were a perfect fit, and I have already found places for the ones I could not wear. It is a real help and encouragement to know that God's people are lifting you up in prayer and are interested in seeing the work of God go forward."

"I received the box of lovely things from the W.M.C. and surely thank you and the ladies who had a part in it. I'm sure the Lord has already blessed each one that made the things. They came as a surprise to me, but a glad surprise. I truly appreciate it. I believe the W.M.C. groups are doing a lot of real good. The Lord bless them all."

"The gift from the W.M.C. came as a most lovely surprise the other day. I appreciate it more than I can tell you. It was not at all difficult to decide what I most desired as I have wanted a chenille robe for a long time. Keeping warm isn't an easy task for me and especially in this cool weather, so I was really in need of one. Yesterday I went to town and purchased the long-desired robe and a pair of slippers, which I was also greatly in need of. May the Lord bless all of you in your labor for Him." (This sister has been ill for some time due to strenuous work on the home mission field, but we are glad to report victory for her and that she is now able to work at a part time position and is looking forward to the time she can again be in the work for the Lord).

This from the newlyweds, Brother and Sister James Duguid of Las Vegas, Nevada: "We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you for the lovely basket of groceries and gifts which you sent to us. We thank you for this kindness and pray that God shall richly repay you."

STUDIES IN REVELATION

By J. NARVER GORTNER

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STUDY XX

THE TWO WITNESSES

CHAPTER 11:1-14

Before, in this portion of Revelation, we are afforded a prophetic foreview of the Two Witnesses, who will evidently prophesy during the first half of the last seven year period of "the times of the Gentiles," we are provided with a notable glance at the last half of that same period at the end of which "the times of the Gentiles" will have run their course. This section, consisting of the first two verses, we will call

I. THE CLEAN DISTINGUISHED

FROM THE UNCLEAN

John is given a reed, and it is like a rod, and the Angel,—very likely the same Angel who had come down out of heaven, the Lord Jesus,—stood, saying, "Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles; and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months." Bullinger calls attention to the fact that the rod is an instrument of chastisement, and the time of the end, as is well known, is a time of chastisement, a time when the chosen people of God, the Jews, will undergo most severe chastising; it will be "the time of Jacob's trouble." In chapter 21:15, where the reference is to the New Jerusalem, in which there will be no sin, and, consequently, no need of chastisement, we read, "And he that talked with me had a golden reed," not a rod, but a golden reed, "to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof."

It should be noted that the evidence here is very strong that we are on distinctively Jewish ground. Jerusalem is in evidence, and there is a temple there, and it is called "the temple of God," and the temple has a court, and worshipers, and there is an altar, the reference evidently being to the brazen altar, or, the altar of sacrifice. Under the Antichrist who will make a covenant with the Jews at the beginning of the week, the Jewish worship in Jerusalem will be restored. If the temple shall not have been rebuilt prior to that time it will be rebuilt immediately afterwards. The temple prophetically introduced here is undoubtedly *that* temple. During this church age the church, as a whole, is the temple of God,

and each individual believer is a temple. No other temple is recognized by God as such here upon earth. Walter Scott has well said, "Christians have no place of worship on earth; they enter no earthly temple. The holiest in the sanctuary above is their one and only place of worship (Jno. 4:21, 23, 24; Heb. 10:19-22); their sacrifices are praise to God and practical benevolence to men (Heb. 13:15-16). But this is very different from Jewish worship both in the past and in the future. A temple and altar are essential to Jewish worship."

We read of five material temples in God's Word. The first was Solomon's, and it was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, 588 B.C. The second was Zerubbabel's, and it was pillaged by Antiochus Epiphanes, and dedicated by him to the worship of the heathen god, Jupiter. This was about 170 B.C. The third was Herod's which was standing in our Lord's day, the construction of which was begun in 20 B.C. It was not completed until just about the time Jesus began His ministry. The Jews said, concerning this temple, "Forty and six years was this temple in building" (Jno. 2:20). There has been no temple in Jerusalem since Herod's temple was destroyed by Titus in A.D. 70. Two temples are yet to be built: Antichrist's temple, and Christ's millennial temple. The former is referred to in 2 Thess. 2:4, and is undoubtedly the temple John is told to measure in the vision; and the latter we read of in Ezek. 40. Antichrist's temple will probably be destroyed by the great earthquake that will mark the end of the week and that will cause the Mount of Olives to be split asunder (Zech. 14:4). Antichrist's temple is not so called in the Bible; this name has been given to it as a matter of convenience. As there will be true Jewish worshipers at the time of the end, after the church shall have been translated, God will recognize the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem as His temple, and the worshipers as His people.

While there will be a literal temple in Jerusalem at the time of the end, we are to regard the language of the passage under discussion as symbolic in character. The teaching of the passage seems to be that God distinguishes between the clean and the unclean, between the precious and the vile. There will be a remnant, a faithful Jewish remnant, at the time of the end, a remnant according to the election of grace. God will carefully preserve that remnant. We see the same thought set

forth in the sealing of the elect of Israel in chapter 7. While Jerusalem is being "trodden down of the Gentiles" God's elect will be divinely preserved; Antichrist will have no power over them.

Note also the fact that the Gentiles can have only what God gives them, and that they can have it only as long as He has decreed they shall have it. Antichrist will be able to do only that which God will permit him to do. Evil men can do, in our day, only what God gives them permission to do. The Assyrian conqueror, in the days of the old Assyrian Empire which was the scourge of the earth, went only as far as God would let him go. Hitler is proving to be the scourge of Europe at the present time; but without God's permission,

"Not e'en a Hitler or a Stalin can

Oppress a Jew or make a widow weep."

God reigns today, and is ordering all things after the counsel of His own will; and He will be reigning at the time of the end. He is the eternal God.

II. The Two Witnesses

Verses 3-12. Notice seven facts concerning these witnesses:

1. The Lord calls them "My witnesses." We are His witnesses now; and, in order that saints during this church age may effectively witness, endowment of power from on high has been provided (Acts 1:8). At the time of the end the church will have been translated; but God will have witnesses. At the beginning of the church age there were many who believed that these witnesses at the time of the end would be Enoch and Elijah. I believe they will be Moses and Elijah.

2. The power they will possess will be divinely given. "I will give." All power comes from God; apart from Him there is no power (Ps. 62:11).

3. The time during which they shall prophesy is specifically foretold. 1,260 days.

4. They are described as the two olive trees and the two candlesticks, or, lampstands, standing before the God of the earth. And, in connection with this description, information is provided whereby it is revealed in what manner they will be rendered invulnerable.—"If any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed." Read Zech. 4:1-6; also 11-14. Read also 2 Kings 1:10-11.

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